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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter  
17, Part 13, relative to firearms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1308(a)(2), is amended by  
adding the language "or § 39-17-1351" to the end thereto.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1322, is amended by adding  
the following language to the end thereto:

A person whose possession or use of a handgun is protected from criminal  
prosecution under this section shall not thereafter be denied a handgun carry permit  
because of such unpermitted possession or use.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is amended by deleting  
the first sentence of subsection (c).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351(l), is amended in the first  
sentence by deleting the word "handgun(s)" and by substituting instead the word "firearm(s)";  
and in the second sentence by deleting the word "handgun" and by substituting instead the  
word "firearm".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is amended by deleting  
subsection (f) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

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(f) Upon receiving the application, the department shall make a reasonable effort to ascertain whether the applicant is prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm in this state. Such reasonable effort shall not require the department to perform any check other than a computerized records search in whatever state recordkeeping systems are available and in the national crime information center.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is further amended by deleting subsection (j) and by substituting instead the following:

(j) The department shall issue a permit to an applicant not otherwise prohibited from obtaining a permit under this section no later than thirty (30) days after the date that the department receives the application.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is further amended by deleting subsection (e) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(e) The department shall distribute and accept applications for permits at all locations where the department conducts driver license examinations.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.